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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-840]

#### **Manganese Metal From the People's Republic of China; Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Time Limit.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the third review of the antidumping duty order on manganese metal from the People's Republic of China. The period of review is February 1, 1998 through January 31, 1999. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 7, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Campbell or Craig Matney, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-2239 or 482-1778, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limit mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act") (*i.e.*, November 1, 1998), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results to not later than December 2, 1999. See August 26, 1999, Memorandum from Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement Richard W. Moreland to Assistant Secretary for Import Administration Robert S. LaRussa on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, B-099 of the Department.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(1)) and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-588-835]

#### **Oil Country Tubular Goods From Japan: Preliminary Results and Recission in Part of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results and recission in part of the antidumping duty administrative review: Oil Country Tubular Goods From Japan.

**SUMMARY:** In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Oil Country Tubular Goods From Japan (OCTG). This review covers the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have not been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit comments are requested to submit with each comment a statement of the issue and a brief summary of the comment.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 7, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Gilgunn or Maureen Flannery, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0648 and (202) 482-3020, respectively.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **The Applicable Statute**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) are to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the

Department's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (April 1998).

#### **Background**

On June 28, 1995, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 33560) the antidumping duty order on OCTG from Japan. On August 31, 1998, U.S. Steel Group, a unit of USX Corporation (the petitioner) requested that the Department conduct a review of Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd. (SMI). On August 31, 1998, Okura and Company (Okura) requested that the Department conduct a review of its exports of OCTG. The Department initiated this antidumping administrative review for SMI on September 23, 1998 (63 FR 51893, September 29, 1998) and for Okura on October 26, 1998 (63 FR 58009, October 29, 1998).

Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. On March 10, 1999, the Department published a notice of extension of the time limit for the preliminary results of review to August 15, 1999. See *Oil Country Tubular Goods From Japan: Notice of Extension of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 64 FR 11837. On July 27, 1999, the Department published a second notice of extension of the time limit for the preliminary results of review to August 31, 1999. See *Oil Country Tubular Goods From Japan: Notice of Extension of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 64 FR 40554. The Department is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act.

#### **Scope of Review**

The products covered by this order are oil country tubular goods (OCTG), hollow steel products of circular cross-section, including oil well casing, tubing, and drill pipe, of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (both carbon and alloy), whether seamless or welded, whether or not conforming to American Petroleum Institute (API) or non-API specifications, whether finished or unfinished (including green tubes and limited service OCTG products). This scope does not cover casing, tubing, or drill pipe containing 10.5 percent or more of chromium. The products subject to this order are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers: 7304.21.30.00, 7304.21.60.30, 7304.21.60.45,